

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/24/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 August 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER



DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a) **In Regarding to Claims 1-6:** The prior arts of record fail to teach an asynchronous transfer mode connection band control method in a system for transmitting and receiving an asynchronous transfer mode cell using an asynchronous transfer mode network, the method comprising a combination of steps of:

first step of preliminarily setting a connection band as band acquiring data for preferential switched virtual connection having high preference in the asynchronous transfer mode network among connections of an asynchronous transfer mode service categories requiring a fixed band of constant bit rate; and

second step of controlling the connection band including the band acquiring data for enabling cooperation with a connection admission control for a constant bit rate, a real time asynchronous transfer mode and a real time variable bit rate and a non real-time variable bit rate, with controlling the connection band in a range where a band for the preferential switched virtual connection is constantly acquired and guaranteed.

b) **In Regarding to Claims 7-14:** The prior arts of record fail to teach an asynchronous transfer mode connection band control system in a system for transmitting and receiving an asynchronous transfer mode cell utilizing an asynchronous transfer mode network, the system comprising a combination of steps of:

data storage means for storing a connection band of a preferential switched virtual connection having high preference in the asynchronous transfer mode network being stored preliminarily as a band acquiring data; and

connection band control means for performing control of connection band on the basis of a total number of bands derived by a sum of the band acquiring data and the acquired band data stored in the data storage means.

c) In Regarding to Claims 15-20: The prior arts of record fail to teach an asynchronous transfer mode connection band control method in a method for transmitting and receiving an asynchronous transfer mode cell utilizing an asynchronous transfer mode network, the method comprising a combination of steps of:

providing data storage means for storing a connection band of a preferential switched virtual connection having high preference in the asynchronous transfer mode network being stored preliminarily as an band acquiring data; and

connection band control step of performing control of connection band on the basis of a total number of bands derived by a sum of the band acquiring data and the acquired band data stored in the data storage means.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

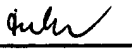
Examiner Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Anthony T Ton** whose telephone number is **571-272-3076**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Ken Vanderpuye** can be reached on **571-272-3078**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **703-872-9306**.

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Respectfully submitted,

by: 
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